

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendments of 23 August 2004 and Interview of 4 November 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-10,17-23,29-31 and 48.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 1104.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Status of the Claims

This action is in response to papers filed 23 August 2004 in which claims 1, 2, 6, 17, 18, 20, and 29 were amended, claims 4-5 were canceled and the previous rejections were traversed and further in view of amendments discussed during an interview between Applicant's representative and the examiner on 4 November 2004. The amendments have been thoroughly reviewed and entered.

The previous rejections in the Office Action dated 24 May 2004 are withdrawn in view of the amendments and Applicant's comments of the response, especially page 6..

The amendments and Applicant's response place the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 17-23, 29-31 and 48 are in condition for allowance.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mike Fuller and Marc Baumgartner on 4 November 2004.

In claim 1, step b), delete "layer".

In claim 1, step b) after "coating" insert --- on--- .

In claim 7, replace "layer" with --- coating ---.

In claim 9, replace "layer" with --- coating ---.

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In claim 10, replace "layer" with --- coating ---.

In claim 17, line 4, delete "layer".

In claim 17, line 4, after "coating" insert --- on--- .

In claim 29, step b), delete "layer".

In claim 29, step b) after "coating" insert --- on--- .

In claim 29, step b) after "microsphere" and before the semi-colon delete the comma " , , "

Replace the title with:

--- ARRAY COMPOSITIONS FOR IMPROVED SIGNAL DETECTION ----

Conclusion

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 17-23, 29-31 and 48 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BJ Forman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0741. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00 TO 3:30.

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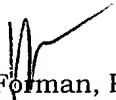
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